(d) if so, what action has been taken by Government thereon ; and

(e) what steps are contemplated by Government to protect the consumers from the inflated prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The price marked on a pre-packed commodity is the maximum limit upto which a retail dealer can charge from consumer. The actual sale price depends on the market forces and competition.

(c) to (e) The Standards of Weights and Measures ("Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977, under which maximum retail price is to be given on a pre-packed commodity it not a price control legislation. It only requires declaration of sale price to be made on the package by the manufacturer. In a free market economy, the actual sale price is decided by market forces and competition amongst manufacturers and other levels of trade.

Recovery of over dues from Super Bazar in Delhi

1221. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the categorywise over-dues in respect of the Super Bazar Delhi as on 31st March, 1993, as compared to 31st March, 1990, 1991 and 1992;

(b) the number of instance of default in repayment of loans and public dues during the above period;

(c) what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) the details of steps taken or propose to be taken to recover the over dues from Super Bazar Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED):

(a) to (d) There is no default in repayment of dues by Super Bazar, Delhi.

Misappropriation of credit bills of Super Bazar

1222. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether credit bills of the Super Bazar amounting to crores of rupees are not rateable leading to non-realisation of the dues;

(b) if so, since when these bills are missing and the, circumstances under which these bills got misplaced by the particular sections ;

(c) whether the control room of Super Bazar is also mis-recording the data of billings with branches-wise record;

(d) whether any investigation has been mad into the working of the Accounts Branch of the Super Bazar and identified officials responsible and launched prosecutions against them;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the manner in which the Super Bazar propose to realise these dues ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (f) Do not arise.

Sales & profit by Super Bazar

1223. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(ia) the sales and profit earned by the Super Bazar from each branch from day

to day sales of consumer and other items in last three years and as on 31st October, 1993;

(b) the investment made by the Super Bazar, in each year's annual budget on each branch during the last three years ;

(c) whether there is any proposal from Super Bazar to expand their sales sector in the capital;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) Branchwise details of sales for the last 3 years ending March, 1991, March, 1992 and Match, 1993 as also the sale report for the period ending October, 1993 is given at Annexure *[See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No 34]. The prevailing Accounting System of Super Bazar does not facilitate working out the profitability of each branch, either annually or on month to month basis. Under the existing procedure, the investment made by Super Bazar by way of purchases of goods, addition to fixed assets etc. cannot be bifurcated branchwise.

(c) to (e) Super Bazar has a continuing policy of opening new branches to cover more areas and making available consumer goods at: competitive rates to the citizens of Delhi. Government is also providing financial assistance for the purpose through plan budget every year.

Loss suffered by Super Bazar

1224. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of business and profit made by. the Super Bazar consumer cooperative Society, New Delhi by means of sales of consumer groceries and other familier items, branches-wise all over the capital, Noida, Gurgaon and Faridabad during the last three years, year-wise and as on date;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether it is a fact that some of the branches of the Super Bazar are incurring losses and do not meet the annual plan target;

(d) if so, whether Government have made any investigation in this regard ;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if no, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b) The branchwise sales turnover achieved during the last three years and ending October, 1993 is given in Annexure I. *[See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No 35]. The profits earned by the Super Bazar during the last three years is given in the statement enclosed. *(See* below). At present, no branch of Super Bazar is functioning at Gurgaon and Faridabad.

(c) to (f) The working of the Super Bazar was reviewed by this Ministry and Super Bazar was advised to analyse the working of the branqhes with reference to their viability and it was suggested that such unviable branches may either be closed down or merged with other branches. The Managing Committee of Super Bazar also reviews the position from time to time and recently it has taken a decision to close down four such branches.

Statement

Net profit earned by Super Bazar during the years 1990-91, 1991-92 *and* 1992-93

S. No.	Year	Amount of Net profits (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	1990-91	21.84
2	1991-92	9.33
3	1992-93 (Prov.)	10.83